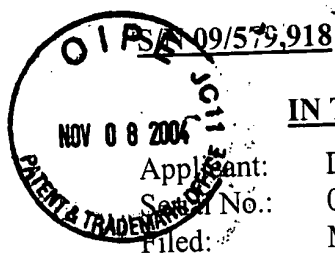


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In accordance with the provision of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2004, said period of response being extended from August 5, 2004 to November 5, 2004.

Our check in the amount of \$980.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee.
Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully Submitted

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